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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 31, 2006, for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set for January 31, 2006.

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